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To: Members of the General Assembly of South Carolina

The Joint Legislative Committee on Aging, created in 1969 by Concurrent Resolution H.1286 and in 1978 made a permanent committee by Act 402 (Section 2-51-10), is pleased to submit the Twenty-seventh Annual Report of the Committee.

#### HOUSE MEMBERS:

/s/Representative Patrick B. Harris, Chairman  
/s/Representative Dave C. Waldrop, Jr., Vice-Chairman  
/s/Representative Denny Woodall Neilson

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/s/Senator Ernest L. Passailaigue  
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## **I. BRIEF HISTORY**

In 1959 the first Joint Legislative Committee "to study the needs and problems relating to the aged citizens in South Carolina" was created. This Committee continued its work until 1963. By 1969 the need for a committee to study the problems of the elderly in South Carolina was again evident and the legislature created such a committee under Concurrent Resolution No. 1286. This Committee continued under the authority of continuing resolutions until 1978 when the General Assembly found "the Committee to Study Public and Private Service, Programs and Facilities of the Aging fulfills a necessary and continuing legislative need and that the functions of the Committee can be more properly fulfilled by a permanent Committee," Act 402 (Code 2-51-10, 1978).

The Committee is made up of three members of the Senate appointed by the President of the Senate, three members of the House appointed by the Speaker of the House, and three members appointed by the Governor. Serving as chair of the Committee have been Representative Martha Thomas Fitzgerald, 1959-1963; Senator Richard Riley, 1969-1976; Senator Hyman Rubin, 1977-1984. Representative Patrick Harris, the current chairman, was elected on November 29, 1984 and will serve until November 11, 1996. He is retiring from the House of Representatives and the Committee after twenty-seven years of continuous service.

## **II. PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Annual Public Hearing of the Committee on Aging was held in Columbia on September 20, 1995. Testimony was received from 29 persons representing a national organization, individual interests, state agencies, non-profit organizations and service delivery groups. Over 100 persons attended the hearing.

The record of the hearing is available in the office of the Committee, 212 Blatt Building. Transcription copies are provided to appropriate state agencies and upon request to individuals and organizations.

The Committee met on November 14, 1995, to review the public hearing testimony, to receive reports, to discuss proposed legislation and to determine the 1996 legislative priorities.

### **III. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE**

Copies of Acts, Bills, and Bill Status may be obtained from Legislative Information in Columbia, 734-2060, or 1-800-922-1539.

**ENACTED 1996:**

#### **ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE RESOURCE COORDINATION CENTER GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING (H.4361/R343, Act No. A305, S.998)**

Effective Date: July 1, 1996

A bill to direct the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Resource Coordination Center to develop a grant program to assist communities and to give consideration to recommendations by the Center Advisory Council on priority needs and criteria for selecting grant recipients. \$150,000 (6DD.37) has been appropriated by the General Assembly for Alzheimer's grant funding in FY 1996-97.

#### **ALZHEIMER'S SPECIAL CARE DISCLOSURE ACT (H.4702, S. 1226/R369, Act No. A336) Effective Date: January 1, 1997**

A Bill to enact the "Alzheimer's Special Care Disclosure Act" so as to require that licensed nursing homes, community residential care and adult day care facilities which offer Alzheimer's special care units/programs must provide to DHEC and the responsible party criteria for admission, transfer and discharge; care planning; staffing patterns, staff training; physical environment; resident and participant activities; family role in care; and unique costs to resident/participant associated with specialized service delivery.

#### **CONSUMER OPTIONS FOR FINANCING OF LONG TERM CARE STUDY (S.980, H.4329/R340, Went into effect without Governor's signature) Effective Date: May 7, 1996**

A Joint Resolution to direct the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in conjunction with the Center of Health Policy, Institute of Public Affairs, University of South Carolina, to evaluate and study options for consumer financing of long-term care and to submit a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 1997.

**CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES HOME  
HEALTH SERVICES (H.3269/R468, Act No. A381, S.390)**

A bill to allow CCRC's licensed by the Department of Consumer Affairs to provide home health services to their residents only.

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE ARTHUR  
M. BJONTEGARD, JR. (S.1402)**

A Concurrent Resolution to recognize Arthur M. Bjontegard, Jr. for a life of selfless devotion to helping others, especially the senior citizens of South Carolina, and to wish Mr. Bjontegard every happiness in the years to come.

**PENDING 1996:**

**INMIGRATION STUDY (H.4330, S.981)**

A bill to direct the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in conjunction with the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee, the State Department of Health and Human Services, the Division on Aging, Office of the Governor, and the Department of Revenue and Taxation to study the effect of immigration on health care costs and other aging network services and tax policies relative to immigrants.

STATUS: H.4330 → Referred to House Ways and Means; S.981 → **PASSED SENATE**; Referred to House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs

**AGING CURRICULUM AND VOLUNTEERISM (H.4331, S.982)**

A Joint Resolution to direct the Division on Aging, Office of the Governor, the South Carolina Department of Education and the South Carolina Area Agencies on Aging to explore integrating topics relating to aging into current public school curriculum and to promote volunteerism within the school system.

STATUS: H.4331 → Referred to House Education and Public Works; S.982 → Referred to Senate Medical Affairs



**INCOME TAX CREDIT, LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PREMIUMS** (H.4707, S.1225)

A bill to authorize credit for a percentage of premiums paid for long-term care insurance.

STATUS: H.4707 → Referred to House Ways and Means; S.1225  
→ Referred to Senate Finance

**ADULT DAY CARE CREDITS FOR EMPLOYERS** (H.3193, S.345)

A bill to require income tax credits be given to employers who provide adult care programs.

STATUS: H.3193 → Referred to House Ways and Means;  
S.345 → Senate Finance

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - FAIR MARKET VALUE** (H.3188, S.352)

A bill to exempt from residential property tax that amount of fair market value qualifying for the homestead exemption which represents increases in the fair market value of the property occurring after the property first qualifies for the homestead exemption.

STATUS: H.3188 → Referred to House Ways and Means; S.352 →  
Referred to Senate Finance

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX** (H.3187, S.353)

A bill to require the homestead exemption amount be adjusted annually to offset increases in the consumer price index and to prescribe the procedure for making the adjustment.

STATUS: H.3187 → Referred to House Ways and Means;  
S.353 → Referred to Senate Finance

**MANUFACTURED HOME PARK TENANCY ACT AMENDMENTS** (H.3186, S.348)

A bill relating to grounds for eviction from a manufactured home park, so as to make technical corrections and to delete as a ground for eviction by lessor the taking of the park by eminent domain.

STATUS: H.3186 → Referred to House Labor, Commerce and Industry; S.348 → Referred to Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry, carried over.

#### IV. SELECTED LEGISLATION RELATING TO AGING

##### **ENACTED 1996:**

##### **1996-97 APPROPRIATION BILL (H.4600/R520, Act No. )**

FY July 1-June 30,1997: Joint Legislative Committee on Aging = \$61,293; Governor's Office, Division on Aging: Total Funding = \$19,220,304, State funding = \$2,144,481; Alzheimer's with equal match, cash or in-kind (6DD.37) = \$150,000; Commission for the Blind: Independent Living, Elderly = \$20,000; Dept. of Health and Human Services: Nursing Home Services - State Funds = \$68,344,909, Total Funding = \$238,966,592; Community Long Term Care - State Funding = \$10,325,917, Total Funding = \$41,411,209; Supplemental Medicare Premiums Part B - State Funding = \$21,687,820, Total Funding = \$64,580,802; Comptroller General: Homestead Tax Exemption (65 yrs., blind, disabled) = \$43,784,443;

##### **Provisos:**

Division on Aging: Part I, Section 6DD.32 - state match formula distributing to Planning and Service Areas, Section 6DD.37 - Alzheimer's grants, equal match, cash or in-kind. Part II, Section 54, Senior Center project location may be changed within a county by the State Budget and Control Board at request of the Division on Aging. Department of Health and Human Services: Part I, Section 72.64 - DHHS/DHEC in coordination with other appropriate agencies and organizations, shall develop a long term care system for elderly and their families, report annually by January 15. Part II, Section 55 - 1/4 cent of the gasoline tax must be used by the Dept. of Transportation for mass transit, annual audit.

##### **BOARD OF PODIATRY (H.3307/R261, Act No. A241) Effective**

**Date: March 7, 1996**

A bill to revise the procedures for nominating members and removal from office; to require the board offer examinations to practice podiatric medicine twice annually; to allow reciprocal licensing without taking an examination; to authorize the board to require mental or physical examinations, access records and use in proceedings and to provide penalties for refusal to consent to these examinations and access to records.



**OUTSTANDING OLDER SOUTH CAROLINIAN RECOGNITION** (H.4984, S.1419) A House and Senate Resolution to recognize Wayne P. Van Vranken of Summerville upon receiving the 1996 Older South Carolinian Award presented by the Office of the Governor, Division on Aging.

**OTHER LEGISLATION PENDING 1996:**

**FREE ADMISSION TO THE STATE PARK FACILITIES** (H.3061)  
A bill to allow aged, blind, and disabled persons use of state park facilities free of charge.

STATUS: PASSED HOUSE, Referred to Senate Fish, Game and Forestry

**INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL ACCOUNT ACT** (H.3326, S.167)  
A bill to create the Individual Medical Account Act allowing a person to deposit funds in an account established as a trust for the purpose of paying the medical, dental and long-term care expenses of the account holder, to provide for the duties of the trustee, to provide a tax exemption on interest earned.

STATUS: H.3326 → PASSED HOUSE, Pending 2nd reading in Senate; S.167 → Referred to Senate Finance

**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE** (H.3051, H.4006)  
A bill to provide that the annual registration fee for private passenger-carrying vehicles be ten dollars annually for a person who is sixty-five years of age or older who leases a vehicle.

STATUS: H.3051 → PASSED HOUSE, referred to Senate Transportation; H.4006 → Referred to Education and Public Works

**OSTEOPOROSIS PREVENTION AND TREATMENT EDUCATION ACT** (H.4392)

A bill to enact the Osteoporosis Prevention and Treatment Education Act, establish funding to DHEC and the purpose.

STATUS: PASSED HOUSE, referred to Senate Medical Affairs

### **BONE MASS MEASUREMENT COVERAGE ACT (H.4379)**

A bill to enact the Bone Mass Measurement Coverage Act; to require individual or group accident and health or health insurance policies to include coverage for bone mass measurement for the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of osteoporosis.

STATUS: Referred to House Judiciary

### **CRIMES AGAINST PERSONS 65+, ADDITIONAL IMPRISONMENT (S.740)**

A bill to require if a person who commits a crime against a person who is sixty years of age or older, the court must impose an additional term of imprisonment.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Judiciary

### **DRIVER'S LICENSE RENEWAL PROCEDURE FOR 75+ (S.1055)**

A bill that would require a driver who is seventy-five years of age or older to successfully complete an actual demonstration of ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the type of motor vehicle driven before issuance of a license is sought.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Transportation

### **DRUG PRODUCT SELECTION AND DRUG PRICING (H.4345)**

A bill to enact the Fair Price Act for prescription drugs, to define terms, describe pricing procedures under certain circumstances and penalties.

STATUS: Referred to House Labor, Commerce, Industry

### **EYEGLOSS LENSES EXEMPTION (H.3127)**

A bill to exempt prescription eyeglass lenses and raw materials used in the fabrication of such lenses from sales and use tax, not to extend to eyeglass frames.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means

### **HOME HEALTH LICENSE, FINGERPRINT REVIEW (S.904)**

A bill that would require a person who is seeking a home health license or employment with a home health agency to undergo a State Law Enforcement Division and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint review and to be prohibited a license if convicted of certain crimes.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Medical Affairs

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - \$25,000 (S.51)**

A bill to increase the amount of real property exempted from taxation from the first twenty thousand dollars of fair market value to the first twenty-five thousand dollars.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - \$30,000 (H.3035)**

A bill to increase the amount of real property exempted from taxation from the first twenty-thousand dollars of fair market value to the first-thirty thousand dollars.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - \$40,000 (H.3572, S.107)**

A bill to increase the exemption from the first twenty thousand dollars to forty thousand dollars beginning with the 1995 tax year.

STATUS: H.3572 → Referred to House Ways and Means, S.107 → Referred to Senate Finance

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - FAIR MARKET VALUE (H.3216)**

A bill to exempt from property tax fair market value of residential property qualifying for the homestead exemption which represents increases in the fair market value of the property occurring after the property first qualifies for the homestead exemption.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PERSON 70+ (H.3725)**

A bill to allow an additional homestead exemption equal to one hundred fifty thousand dollars of fair market value of the homestead for an owner who has attained age seventy before the applicable tax year.

STATUS: House Ways and Means

**HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (S.52)**

A bill to delete the date by which life estates created other than by will are otherwise eligible for the exemption.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance

### **HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (S.255)**

A bill to exempt property receiving the homestead exemption from increases in fair market value due to reassessment.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance

### **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (H.4612)**

A bill to allow person who are sixty-five and older or permanently and totally disabled to be exempt from a tax year in which a eligible person relocates and to adjust the tax due on the former residence.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means

### **HOSPITAL FAIR PRICING ACT (H.3583)**

A bill to enact the Hospital Fair Pricing Act, to define terms, to allow acute care hospitals to purchase services from sole provider hospitals at a certain rate, to provide that the state health plan must contain a policy statement requiring access to health care services by a provider so that the provider may offer these services on a competitive basis, where competition is permitted.

STATUS: Referred to House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal

### **HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES AMENDMENT (H.3197)**

A bill to issue free licenses to persons living in certain parts of Georgia who are at least age sixty-five of years or older.

STATUS: Referred to House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs

### **LONG TERM CARE SERVICES (H.4178, S.801)**

A Joint Resolution to direct the Governor to appoint a task force to develop a plan to restructure and consolidate state level programs which plan, fund, regulate, and deliver long-term care services for the elderly; and to develop a plan which addresses local level coordination of these services.

STATUS: H.4178 → Referred to House Ways and Means;

S.801 → Referred to Senate Medical Affairs

**LOTTERY FOR PROPERTY TAX RELIEF/ELDERLY  
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION (H.3772)**

A Joint Resolution to allow lotteries to be conducted only by the state and to provide for the use of the revenues derived from the lotteries.

STATUS: Rejected by House

**MAGISTRATE AGE REQUIREMENT (H.3067)**

A bill to delete the requirement that a magistrate has to retire no later than the end of the fiscal year in which he reaches his seventy-second birthday, allowing him to serve so long as the appointing authority consents to and by appointment provides for such service.

STATUS: Referred to House Judiciary

**MOTOR VEHICLE BIENNIAL REGISTRATION, EXEMPTIONS**

A bill which would exempt person who are sixty-five or older and person who are handicapped from paying the biennial registration fee for a private passenger-carrying vehicle, and to exemption person sixty-five and older from the paying biennial registration fee for a property-carrying vehicle with a gross weight of five thousand pounds or less.

STATUS: Referred to House Education and Public Works

**PHARMACY RECORDS, LIMITATION/CONSENT FOR SELLING  
(H.4363)**

A bill to limit to whom a pharmacist or drug outlet may sell pharmacy records and to require consent from each customer whose records are to be sold.

STATUS: Referred to Medical, Military, Public and Municipal

**PRESCRIPTION ORTHOTIC DEVICES EXEMPTION (H.3130)**

A bill to provide a sales tax exemption on prescription orthotic devices and replacement parts for prescription prosthetic and orthotic devices.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means

**PROPERTY TAX RELIEF (H.3619)**

A bill to provide for a statewide referendum to be held on November 7, 1995, on the question of raising the sales, use and casual excise tax from 5% to 6% to provide an exception from sales tax on food and provide property tax relief.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means

### **RETIREMENT INCOME (H.3082, H.3270)**

A bill to increase from \$3,000 to \$6,000 the maximum amount of retirement income a taxpayer at least sixty-two years of age may deduct from taxable income.

STATUS: H.3082 → Referred to House Ways and Means; H.3270  
→ Referred to House Ways and Means

### **STATE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR 65+ (S.36, S.914, S.961)**

A bill to exempt from state income tax resident individuals who have attained the age of sixty-five years.

STATUS: All referred to Senate Finance

### **STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX (H.3270)**

A bill to eliminate retirement income exclusion election; provide for the deduction of all retirement income beginning the taxable year the taxpayer attains age sixty-five and provide the deduction to surviving spouses.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means

### **UNIFORM CUSTODIAL TRUST ACT (H.3052)**

A bill to enact the Uniform Custodial Trust Act which provides for the creation of a statutory custodial trust for adults whenever property is delivered to another as a custodial trustee under this Act.

STATUS: Referred to House Judiciary

### **VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (S.570)**

A bill to exempt fifty percent of the fair market value of a recreational vehicle owned by an individual who has attained age sixty-five.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance

## **V. STUDIES PENDING**

- Long Term Care Insurance Home/Community Optional Benefit, Office of the Governor, Division on Aging, Department of Insurance. Evaluations were reported to the General Assembly in September, 1995. Copy available in Committee office. Second evaluation due January 1997 (1991 Act 165, Section 3).

- Consumer Options for Financing Long Term Care, Joint Legislative Committee on Aging in conjunction with the Center for Health Policy, USC, to evaluate and study options for consumer financing of long-term care and to submit a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 1997 (1996, R340).

## **VI. ACTIVITIES**

### **"LEGISLATIVE UPDATE" and PAMPHLETS**

The status of legislation introduced by the Committee and other selected legislation related to aging interests is summarized periodically during the session in the "Legislative Update". This publication is very popular among legislators, the aging network organizations and interested individuals. Copies are distributed upon request.

The "Summary of Legislation Related to Aging Interests" (30 pages) is updated after each session, distributed to House and Senate Research, State Library, the aging network, other state libraries and organizations as requested.

The Committee also distributes the following pamphlets: 1) "Joint Legislative Committee on Aging" provides brief history, members and legislative priorities; 2) "Aging Resources" lists state organizations, agencies and legislative committees interested in aging issues; 3) "Programs and Services for the Aged" lists age-related benefits; 4) "Your Right to Make Decisions About Health Care" complies with the federal Patient Self-Determination Act regarding advanced directives, including copies of "Living Wills" and "Health Care Power of Attorney"; 5) "State of South Carolina Homestead Tax Exemption Program" compiled by Comptroller General's office; 6) "South Carolina Services Information System" brochure for seniors and all people with disabilities (1-800-922-1107).

### **SENIORS' LEGISLATIVE DAY '96**

This year the SC Federation of Older Americans (SCFOA) hosted the Seniors' Legislative Day '96 on Wednesday, January 24, 1996 at the Capital Senior Center in Columbia. The day consisted of workshops for members of the Federation and the annual luncheon held to honor the members of the General Assembly.



"Winds of Change: Working Together for Effective Solutions" was the theme of this year's event. Over 150 persons were present.

Dr. James Califf, President of the Federation, presided over the event and introduced the legislators. Jeff Bryson, Director of Constituent Affairs for the Governor's Office, introduced the guest speaker, Lieutenant Governor Bob Peeler. Lt. Governor Peeler spoke on "South Carolina 1996 and Into the 21st Century."

Rep. June Shissias received the 1995 Legislator of the Year Award from the SCFOA.

The Joint Legislative Committee on Aging held a workshop on Long Term Care legislation.

### **LEGISLATIVE INTERNS**

#### **Agnes Scott College**

Lauren Wheeler participated in the Shadow program of the Career Planning and Counseling Department of Agnes Scott College on March 12, 1996. She attended House and Senate committee meetings and observed a session of the General Assembly.

### **COMMITTEE AND STAFF LIAISON ACTIVITIES**

Chairman Patrick B. Harris received the "Leadership in Aging Award" at the Awards Luncheon during the Governor's Conference on Aging, May 15th.

Members of the Committee and/or staff worked cooperatively throughout the year with the Standing Committees of the House and Senate, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Governor's Office-Division on Aging, Comptroller General's Office, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Consumer Affairs, State Library, American Association of Retired Persons, Alzheimer's Association, Area Agencies on Aging, Central Midlands Regional Planning Council, Councils on Aging, various Colleges and Universities.

Keller H. Barron, Director of Research, serves on the Advance Directive Coalition, and as Committee designee to the Adult Protection Coordination Council. She served as facilitator to the "Legal Issues" workshop for the Governor's White House Conference on Aging held on May 14-15, 1996 in Columbia, SC.

Karen Sprayberry, Research Assistant, is a Board member of the Mid-State Chapter, Alzheimer's Association and serves as Chair of the Public Policy Committee.

## **VII. PUBLICATIONS**

The following publications are available from the Committee office and distributed upon request:

- \* Annual Report, Advisory Committee on Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of the Long Term Care Council; 1992
- \* *Alzheimer's or Dementia Specific Care Units: Should They Be Regulated?*, 1995
- \* Annual Reports 1970-1996
- \* Aging Resources, 1996
- \* Aging in South Carolina: Focus on Caregiving, 1993
- \* Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Registry, Annual Report, School of Public Health, 1995
- \* Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death form
- \* *Directory of Housing for Seniors in SC*, 1994
- \* *GRAY PLAGUE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: Meeting the Needs of Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, Their Families and Caregivers*, Alzheimer's Task Force, November 1993
- \* Health Care Power of Attorney form
- \* Homestead Tax Exemption Program; Comptroller General, 1995
- \* Legislative History of the "Living Will" and Health Care Power of Attorney, 1977-1993
- \* Medicare Supplement Insurance Standardization Comparison of Annual Premium Rates in SC, Dept. of Insurance, 1996
- \* *Discovering SC*, Vol.8, No.1, 1996
- \* State Plan on Aging, SC Commission on Aging, 1993-96
- \* Summary of Legislation Related to Aging Interests Enacted Through 1996
- \* Volunteers and the Law in South Carolina, Young Lawyers Division of the SC Bar, 1993

## **VIII. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

### **DIVISION ON AGING**

The mission of the Governor's Office Division on Aging is to enhance the quality of life for older South Carolinians by developing and coordinating a comprehensive community-based long term care and preventive services system designed to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful and dignified lives in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- \* Designated by the Governor as the **State Unit on Aging** to administer the federal Older Americans Act, which funds such programs as nutrition, transportation, in-home services, senior employment and other community-based services.
- \* Operates the **Long Term Care Ombudsman Program**, which investigates complaints of abuse, neglect, exploitation, and concerns regarding quality of care and residents' rights made by or on behalf of residents of long term care facilities.
- \* Provides leadership, planning and management of services delivered through grants and contracts with the statewide **Aging Network of 10 Area Agencies on Aging** and **58 Local Service Provider Agencies**, known in most communities as **Councils on Aging**.
- \* Administers the **Senior Citizens Centers Permanent Improvement Fund**, which provides funding for construction and renovation of senior centers according to priorities and criteria established by the General Assembly.
- \* Operates the **South Carolina Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Resource Coordination Center**, which provides information, education, service coordination, and provides small grants for local projects to serve persons with Alzheimer's Disease and their families.
- \* Administers the **ElderCare Trust Fund** which provides small seed grants for innovative local projects that assist older persons to remain in their homes with maximum independence and dignity.
- \* Serves as an advocate for older South Carolinians, providing analysis on legislative and public policy issues of concern to other division of the Governor's Office and other state agencies as appropriate.

- \* Provides information and referral, public information and educational materials on topics such as advance directives and insurance counseling.
- \* Provides a variety of educational and training programs, such as the annual Governor's Summer School of Gerontology and Governor's Conference on Aging to enhance the knowledge and skills of those who serve older South Carolinians.
- \* Administers grants for special projects such as "Care Options and Public Education for Persons with Alzheimer's Disease (COPE), "Insurance Counseling, Assistance, Referral and Education" (I-CARE); "Linking Intergenerational Networks in Communities" (LINC); and "Carolina Home Injury Prevention for Seniors" (CHIPS).

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## **IX. APPENDIX A: ACT 402 to Create a Permanent Committee**

**(R 420, H.3247)(Code 2-51-10)**

An Act to create a Permanent Committee to conduct continuing Studies of Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities for the Aging.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Section 1. The General Assembly finds that the Committee to Study Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities for the Aging, originally created H.1286 of 1969 and continued by concurrent resolution through 1977, fulfills a necessary and continuing legislative need and the functions of the committee can be more properly fulfilled by a permanent committee.

Section 2. There is created a permanent committee to conduct continuing studies of public and private services, programs and facilities for the aging in South Carolina and report its findings and recommendations annually to the General Assembly.

Three members shall be appointed from the Senate by the President thereof, three members shall be appointed from the House of Representative by the Speaker and three member shall be appointed by the Governor. Terms of legislative members shall be coterminous with their terms as members of the General Assembly and terms of members appointed by the Governor shall be coterminous with the term of the appointing Governor.

Members of the Committee shall be provided by an annual appropriation in the general Appropriation Act.

The Legislative Council shall provide such legal services as the Committee may require in the performance of its duties.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.

Approved the 14th day of February 1978.

## **IX. APPENDIX B: COUNTY COUNCILS ON AGING 1996**

<b><u>County</u></b>	<b><u>Service Providers</u></b>	<b><u>Telephone</u></b>
Abbeville	Abbeville Senior Center	459-9666
Aiken	Aiken Council on Aging	648-5447
Allendale	Allendale Council on Aging	584-4350
Anderson	Anderson/Oconee Council on Aging	225-3370
Bamberg	Bamberg Co. Office on Aging	245-3021
Barnwell	Barnwell Co. Office on Aging	541-1249
Beaufort	Beaufort Council on Aging	524-1787
	Neighborhood Legal Assist. Prog., Inc.	838-5001
Berkeley	Berkeley County Senior Citizens	761-6900
Calhoun	Calhoun Co. Agcy. for Senior Citizens	874-1270
Charleston	Charleston Area Senior Citizens, Inc.	722-4127
	American Red Cross - Low Country	566-9965
	Neighborhood Legal Assist. Prog., Inc.	722-0107
	Sea Island Com. Health Ctr., Inc.	559-4137
	South Santee Community Center	546-2789
Cherokee	Cherokee Co. Services to the Aging	488-0476
Chester	Senior Services Inc. of Chester Co.	385-3810
Chesterfield	Chesterfield Council on Aging	623-2280
Clarendon	Clarendon Council on Aging	435-8593
Colleton	Colleton Council on Aging	549-7642
	Neighborhood Legal Assist. Prog., Inc.	549-9581
Darlington	Darlington Council on Aging	393-8521
Dillon	Dillon Council on Aging	774-0089
Dorchester	Dorchester Human Development Bd.	871-5053
Edgefield	Edgefield Senior Citizens Council	637-5326
Fairfield	Fairfield Council on Aging	635-3015
Florence	Florence Council on Aging	669-6761
Georgetown	Georgetown Council on Aging	546-8539
Greenville	Senior Action Inc.	467-3660
	Greenville Transit Authority	467-5000
	Greenville Urban League	244-3862
	Legal Services of Western Carolina	467-3232
Greenwood	Piedmont Agency on Aging	223-0164
Hampton	Hampton Council on Aging	943-7555
Horry	Horry Council on Aging	248-9818
Jasper	Jasper Council on Aging	726-5601

Kershaw	Kershaw Council on Aging	432-8173
Lancaster	Lancaster Council on Aging	285-6956
Laurens	Seniors Options, Inc.	984-2438
Lee	Lee Council on Aging	484-6212
Lexington	Lexington Co. Rec. & Aging Comm.	356-5111
	Chapin Aging Dept.	345-1310
	Irmo/Chapin Rec. Commission	731-0047
Marion	Marion Co. Council on Aging	423-4391
Marlboro	Marlboro Council on Aging	479-9951
McCormick	McCormick Council on Aging	465-2626
Newberry	Newberry Council on Aging	276-8266
Oconee	Anderson/Oconee Council on Aging	882-1673
Orangeburg	Orangeburg Council on Aging	531-4663
Pickens	Pickens Co. Seniors Unlimited	843-2275
Richland	Council on Aging of the Midlands	252-7734
	Richland County Capital Senior Center	779-1971
	Columbia Urban League	799-8150
	Respite House/Colonial Heights Baptist	254-1248
Saluda	Saluda Council on Aging	445-2175
Spartanburg	Senior Centers of Spartanburg Co., Inc.	596-3910
Sumter	Santee Senior Services	773-5508
Union	Union Council on Aging	429-1682
Williamsburg	Santee Senior Services	354-5496
	Neighborhood Legal Assist. Prog., Inc.	354-7475
York	York Council on Aging	327-6694



## IX. APPENDIX C: AREA AGENCIES ON AGING 1996

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SERVICE PROVIDERS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
I Appalachia	SC Appalachian Council of Govn'ts Dr. Michael Stogner, Aging Unit Director Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg	242-9733
II Upper Savannah	Upper Savannah Council of Govn'ts Ms. Sandra Johnson, Aging Unit Director Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Saluda	941-8050 (800) 922-7729
III Catawba	Catawba Area Agency on Aging Ms. Sherron Marshall, Aging Unit Director Chester, Lancaster, York, Union	329-9670
IV Central Midlands	Central Midlands Reg. Planning Council Doug Phillips, Interim Human Services Manager Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, Richland	771-0887
V Lower Savannah	Lower Savannah Council of Govn'ts Linda Holmes, Aging Unit Director Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Orangeburg	649-7981
VI Santee Lynches	Santee-Lynches Regional Council on Governments Ms. Vicki Clark-Strampe, Aging Unit Director Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, Sumter	773-6628
VII Pee Dee	Pee Dee Community Health Services Ms. Earlene Mark, Aging Unit Director Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon Florence, Marion, Marlboro	373-3632
VIII Waccamaw	Waccamaw Area Agency on Aging Ms. Barbara Blain, Aging Unit Director Georgetown, Horry, Williamsburg	349-2130
IX Trident	ElderLink, Incorporated Mr. James D. Dubs, Executive Director Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester	745-1710
X Lowcountry	Lowcountry Council of Governments Ms. Yolanda Abram, Aging Unit Director Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper	726-5536

# **IX. APPENDIX D: COUNTY/MUNICIPALITIES HOMESTEAD TAX EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENTS TAX YEAR 1995**

COUNTY	NUMBER	TOTAL AMOUNT
Abbeville	3,475	460,413.12
Aiken	13,683	1,296,185.64
Allendale	1,451	205,590.16
Anderson	16,622	2,228,391.38
Bamberg	2,003	311,125.13
Barnwell	2,445	267,891.62
Beaufort	9,875	1,150,016.38
Berkeley	6,320	789,560.89
Calhoun	1,333	176,634.82
Charleston	25,677	3,397,678.97
Cherokee	4,946	680,885.93
Chester	3,864	663,033.78
Chesterfield	4,296	452,476.80
Clarendon	2,862	451,376.18
Colleton	3,612	555,132.91
Darlington	6,483	800,223.92
Dillon	2,712	291,948.35
Dorchester	5,431	733,904.71
Edgefield	1,951	310,587.29
Fairfield	2,038	325,738.13
Florence	10,715	1,183,916.09
Georgetown	5,249	775,895.77
Greenville	28,905	4,437,518.27
Greenwood	7,355	932,972.53
Hampton	2,559	453,711.66
Horry	16,590	2,002,415.64
Jasper	1,420	242,831.40
Kershaw	4,687	598,308.02
Lancaster	5,161	822,762.98
Laurens	6,162	715,535.47
Lee	1,921	326,872.55
Lexington	14,272	2,317,853.60
McCormick	922	124,595.38
Marion	3,581	478,438.13
Marlboro	3,396	362,346.50
Newberry	4,940	800,516.64
Oconee	6,721	820,030.39
Orangeburg	8,047	1,333,803.61
Pickens	10,277	1,130,855.64
Richland	20,977	3,365,162.62
Saluda	1,912	310,513.73
Spartanburg	22,264	3,673,898.68
Sumter	7,776	1,154,730.69
Union	4,317	733,603.69
Williamsburg	3,299	512,093.09
York	11,655	1,542,453.09
STATE TOTALS	336,159	\$46,702,431.97

**IX. APPENDIX E: SOUTH CAROLINA ELDERLY POPULATION (AGE 65 YEARS+) FOR 1980, 1990, PROJECTED 2000**

COUNTY	April 1, 1980	April 1, 1990	July 1, 2000
Abbeville	2,821	3,499	3,330
Aiken	10,023	13,735	19,300
Allendale	1,281	1,478	1,800
Anderson	14,348	19,592	23,200
Bamberg	2,005	2,143	2,300
Barnwell	2,111	2,462	2,800
Beaufort	5,303	10,564	18,800
Berkeley	4,583	7,336	13,400
Calhoun	1,411	1,767	1,500
Charleston	21,442	29,548	39,200
Cherokee	4,280	5,759	6,500
Chester	3,550	4,258	5,300
Chesterfield	4,027	4,888	6,600
Clarendon	2,978	3,716	4,600
Colleton	3,546	4,377	5,000
Darlington	5,946	7,370	9,100
Dillon	2,928	3,540	4,200
Dorchester	3,669	6,088	12,600
Edgefield	1,789	2,219	2,600
Fairfield	2,441	3,021	3,800
Florence	9,482	12,638	15,000
Georgetown	3,871	5,920	7,400
Greenville	27,391	37,862	44,400
Greenwood	6,585	8,221	8,600
Hampton	2,044	2,221	3,000
Horry	9,395	18,147	34,700
Jasper	1,535	1,915	1,700
Kershaw	3,835	5,238	7,000
Lancaster	5,182	6,657	8,200
Laurens	6,015	7,752	8,900
Lee	1,865	2,232	2,100
Lexington	9,581	14,846	19,900
McCormick	858	1,154	1,100
Marion	3,435	4,192	4,700
Marlboro	3,333	3,733	4,100
Newberry	4,458	5,108	5,100
Oconee	5,291	7,896	8,800
Orangeburg	8,359	10,427	11,500
Pickens	7,044	10,441	11,200
Richland	20,542	26,889	30,600
Saluda	2,022	2,332	2,700
Spartanburg	21,350	28,571	31,000
Sumter	6,795	9,534	11,200
Union	3,659	4,470	5,100
Williamsburg	3,674	4,369	4,500
York	9,245	13,924	17,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>287,328</b>	<b>394,049</b>	<b>495,500</b>

# **IX. APPENDIX F: SC ELECTION STATISTICS VOTER ACTIVITY 65 AND OVER BY COUNTY, 1994**

COUNTY	TOTAL REGISTERED	TOTAL VOTED	% VOTED
Abbeville	2,456	1,702	69.29
Aiken	10,591	7,412	69.98
Allendale	1,098	739	67.30
Anderson	12,100	8,654	71.52
Bamberg	1,639	1,079	65.83
Barnwell	1,915	1,278	66.73
Beaufort	10,766	8,117	75.39
Berkeley	6,066	4,412	72.73
Calhoun	1,318	917	69.57
Charleston	23,039	16,564	71.89
Cherokee	3,937	2,801	71.14
Chester	2,940	1,993	67.78
Chesterfield	3,154	2,151	68.19
Clarendon	2,994	2,088	69.73
Colleton	3,076	2,195	71.35
Darlington	4,879	3,537	72.49
Dillon	2,454	1,621	66.05
Dorchester	5,105	3,346	65.54
Edgefield	1,721	1,303	75.71
Fairfield	1,928	1,396	72.40
Florence	8,790	6,145	69.90
Georgetown	4,987	3,535	70.88
Greenville	25,269	18,910	74.83
Greenwood	5,196	3,597	69.22
Hampton	1,989	1,658	83.35
Horry	16,560	11,808	71.30
Jasper	1,513	1,005	66.42
Kershaw	4,147	3,202	77.21
Lancaster	4,534	3,472	76.57
Laurens	4,842	3,439	71.02
Lee	1,887	1,297	68.73
Lexington	11,941	9,003	75.39
McCormick	994	718	72.23
Marion	3,088	1,919	62.14
Marlboro	2,457	1,507	61.33
Newberry	3,671	2,580	70.28
Oconee	5,757	4,318	75.00
Orangeburg	8,318	5,749	69.11
Pickens	6,419	4,512	70.29
Richland	20,287	14,903	73.46
Saluda	1,730	1,233	71.27
Spartanburg	16,945	11,243	66.34
Sumter	6,684	4,680	70.01
Union	3,257	2,319	71.20
Williamsburg	3,633	2,498	68.75
York	9,576	6,965	72.73
TOTALS	287,647	205,520	71.44%